

TWO CONVENTIONS HELD

Regular and Insurgent Republicans
to Test Strength at Gen-
eral Election.

BOTH FACTIONS ENDORSE ADMINISTRATION

Regulars Nominate Full Ticket While the
Insurgents Name Only Candidate for
Governor—Number Delegates Present.
The Platforms.

The two factions of the republican party held separate conventions at Little Rock June 26. Both the regulars and insurgents, in their platforms, endorsed the administrations of McKinley and Roosevelt. A total of 300 delegates answered as regulars, while the insurgent delegation numbered 297.

THE REGULARS.

The convention was called to order by Chairman Remmel. Hon. U. S. Bratton was elected temporary chairman and Hon. Chas. N. Rix permanent chairman. After considerable discussion, and the rejection of several motions on the subject, the following was adopted as the manner of selecting a state central committee: That the chair appoint a committee of nine to recommend the names of fifteen state committeemen at large, the other 42 committeemen to be selected by the delegates from the seven congressional districts, six to each district.

The committee appointed to select fifteen members at large of the state central committee reported and the report was adopted as follows: Powell Clayton of Eureka Springs, H. L. Remmel of Newport, W. S. Holt of Little Rock, J. N. Donahoe of Helena, A. S. Fowler of Little Rock, J. F. Mayes of Fayetteville, Ferd Havis of Pine Bluff, W. G. Whipple of Little Rock, J. K. Barnes of Fort Smith, W. W. Gibbs of Little Rock, E. A. Shicker of Texarkana, S. B. Redding of Little Rock, C. N. Rix of Hot Springs, J. P. Robinson of Little Rock, M. A. Elliott of Camden.

The following state central committeemen, selected by the delegates from the congressional districts, were reported and ratified by the convention:

1. J. L. Hutchins, H. H. Haughton, J. R. Riggins, J. N. Jackson, F. H. Kennedy, Jacob Shaul.
2. J. W. Grubbs, F. W. Tucker, C. F. Cole, R. S. Coffman, H. H. Myers, J. M. Brummet.
3. J. N. Van Hooser, J. H. Phillips, W. F. Reeves, J. B. Moss, W. B. Payne.
4. James Brizzolara, J. M. Harris, J. G. Chitwood, E. E. Hudspeth, Geo. B. Dennis, J. R. Hudson.
5. C. W. Keatts, John W. White, H. K. Cochran, D. B. Russell, C. W. Cox, W. B. Ferguson.
6. C. T. Duke, F. S. Stearns, E. H. Vance, A. M. Middlebrooks, Ed Powers, J. P. Cox.
7. B. G. Bryant, H. Hardin, D. W. Chandler, H. F. Shide, J. R. Gibson, F. A. Youmans.

A complete state ticket was nominated, as follows:

- Governor—H. H. Myers of Monroe county.
Secretary of State—Chas. T. Duke of Drew county.
Auditor of State—John L. Smith of Crawford county.
State Treasurer—Joseph Berger of Craighead county.
Attorney General—Chas. F. Cole of Independence county.
State Land Commissioner—W. H. Conine of Benton county.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Robert L. Floyd of Union county.
Commissioner of Mines, Manufactures and Agriculture—F. S. Baker of Boone county.
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—Chas. C. Waters of Pulaski county.

Platform.

The republican party of Arkansas extends its congratulations to the whole country for the prosperity which blesses our favored land to a degree without precedent in American history, a prosperity due to the republican administration, its sincere patriotism, its courage and conscientiousness in the discharge of its complex duties, its grasp on the national political situation now become worldwide, and its relentless purpose to do the right as it sees the right.

We reiterate our adherence to the republican national platform, adopted in 1900. We lament the untimely death of William McKinley as that of the author of all our prosperity and the best beloved of all our presidents.

We endorse the administration of Theodore Roosevelt for its essential soundness as a republican administration, its sincere patriotism, its courage and conscientiousness in the discharge of its complex duties, its grasp on the national political situation now become worldwide, and its relentless purpose to do the right as it sees the right.

We are opposed to trusts and all combinations of capital to suppress competition, control production, corner the necessities of life or embarrass the legitimate operation of the laws of trade. The republican party was the first in the field in the battle against trusts and will be the last out. It has supplied the only effective legislation against trusts, and is the only national party to prosecute them. We condemn the democratic party for defeating the amendment to the national constitution proposed by the republican party to enlarge government over the whole subject of trusts.

The principle of adequate protection to American labor and industries is fundamental with the republican party. It has made us what we are as a nation, the most prosperous on the earth and a world power of the first class.

The firm establishment by the republican party of the gold standard has placed this country on a safe and sound commercial footing. Upon the solid ground of protection and sound money we have achieved the primacy of the world in trade and commerce. Imperialism is a phantom. The Philippines are ours by a treaty adopted by the aid of democratic votes, and never to be surrendered. The republican party is resolved to extend the blessings of local self-government to the Philippines as fast as they can avail themselves of them, and is now giving them law and order, schools, good roads, religious and civil freedom and other American privileges. But the republican party always stands by its gallant soldiers in time of war and never hauls down the flag. We have too many friends in the Philippine islands whom it would be infamy to abandon, and international obligations which cannot be repudiated without dishonor.

We deem it just and proper to grant to Cuba in the first years of its existence as a nation special commercial privileges. We are for an isthmian canal to be constructed as soon as possible and to be controlled by the United States. This is demanded by the commercial interests of the whole country, and especially of the south. The prosperity of our country rests upon two grand columns, namely, labor and capital. Their interests are identical and every effort should be directed toward promoting harmony between them. Strikes should be settled by impartial arbitration. The republicans of Arkansas, true to the traditions of our party and ever mindful of the worth of his hire, reaffirm our loyalty to the cause of labor, demanding just and satisfactory wages and conditions for employees and faithful and intelligent service for employers. Unquestionably we declare for a proper and rational restriction upon immigration and for the necessary protection of the American working men.

The native resources of our great state are immeasurable and only require publicity to insure development. We regard the approaching Louisiana Purchase exposition to be held at St. Louis in 1904 as conferring a grand opportunity to publish our state's resources to the world, and we favor a liberal appropriation for that most desirable object to be made out of the state treasury.

We favor equal taxation of all classes of property holders, whether individuals, firms or corporations, without fear or favoritism; and all the property, and whatever is property, of corporations should be assessed and taxed.

The existing system by which justices of the peace and prosecuting attorneys are rewarded for convictions in criminal cases is essentially pernicious and practically amounts to bribery. These officials should be removed from this temptation by being paid on salaries.

The public school system of Arkansas was founded by the republican party and should be maintained at its highest stage of efficiency. Education is the true basis of free institutions. We condemn the democratic party of Arkansas.

For its signal failure to suppress trusts, or even to make a bona fide attempt to do so.

For its callous indifference to the development of the state as shown by its refusal to invite industries into the state by providing for their reasonable exemption from taxation for a limited period.

For its abandonment of the work upon the new statehouse, after its site had been chosen, the foundation laid and thousands of dollars of the public moneys have been laid out thereon.

For its partisan management of the state charitable boards in restricting their membership wholly to the democratic party.

For its partisanship applied even to the public schools, by which none but democrats need aspire to the responsible position of school director.

For its failure to provide a railroad commission which affords any protection to the people of the state.

For so manipulating the state commissioners of the Louisiana Purchase exposition as to make them a mere political machine.

For its inexcusable omission to provide a reform school for youthful violators of the law.

For its outrageous neglect of the destitute insane, by failing to relieve them from the horrors of imprisonment in county jails.

For its false pretenses and treacherous conduct as displayed by its failure and refusal to pass an efficient fellow servant law.

For its vacillating and corrupt management of the state penitentiary, by which monopolies are fostered, and by entering into contracts for hiring out convicts at prices totally inadequate, and then seeking to dishonorably repudiate the contracts.

For its repeated refusal to change the law so that the party might have one judge and one clerk of its choice at each voting precinct in the state, thereby insuring an honest return of all the votes cast.

Resolved, That no republican shall hereafter take part in any republican primary unless he shall have previously paid his poll tax.

Resolved, That we denounce lynching and other forms of lawlessness and call upon the citizens everywhere to exert every effort to uphold law and order.

THE INSURGENTS.

The insurgents' convention was held in the hall of the house of representatives, and was called to order by Hon. B. M. Foreman of Miller.

Hon. Chas. D. Greaves was made temporary chairman and Capt W. G. Fouke of Miller permanent chairman.

Capt. Fouke delivered an able address, thanking the convention for the honor bestowed upon him, saying he had been identified with the business interests of Arkansas for twenty-two years and spoke of her lumber and mining resources.

Mr. Louis H. Moore, of Franklin, a well known traveling man, placed in nomination for governor Hon. Chas. D. Greaves, who was selected by acclamation. Mr. Greaves addressed the convention in a lengthy speech. No other nominations were made.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That whenever any member of the state central, county or township committee shall become a candidate for a federal position he shall immediately resign from the committee."

The following amendment was then adopted: "Resolved, That if a wife or daughter of a man who is a member of any committee shall be appointed to a federal position such member shall immediately resign from the committee."

The following resolution by Hon. H. F. Auten was adopted: "Resolved, That the state committee be composed of ninety-five members, one to be elected from each county by a vote of the people, and twenty at large, as follows: W. A. E. Tisdale, Prairie county; Jacob Yoes, Crawford county; J. M. Harkey, Yell county; L. H. Moore, Franklin county; A. A. Tindall, Arkansas county; Chas. D. Greaves, Garland county; M. M. Murray, Lafayette county; Jesse Jones, Sebastian county; Thos. J. Hunt, Washington county; B. M. Foreman, Miller county; H. L. Lee, Pulaski county; J. W. Casteel, Newton county; T. H. Jones, Pulaski county; Dr. E. E. Morris, Phillips county; J. B. York, Jefferson county; J. W. Sanders, Jefferson county; W. P. Hughes, Logan county W. D. Mathews,

Pulaski county; H. W. Gipple, Benton county; A. A. Rice, Carroll county."

A campaign committee was named, also a finance committee, and it was decided that candidates be nominated in the various districts for congress.

Platform.

We, the republicans of Arkansas, true to principle and believing that party organization should reflect the will of the people, in representative convention assembled, reaffirm our adherence to the national republican platform of 1900. The condition of unparalleled prosperity demonstrates the wisdom of every principle therein enunciated.

We deeply lament the tragic death of our beloved president, William McKinley. His gentleness of spirit and purity of character enshrined him in the hearts of his countrymen. His broad, constructive and statesmanlike policies will live as enduring as the republic itself.

We loyally uphold President Roosevelt in his sacred pledge to carry forward the great work of the McKinley administration. Honest and brave, imbued with a lofty sense of public duty and civic patriotism, he has executed the trust of his honored predecessor with vigor and marked ability. We endorse his administration and unswervingly pledge him our support in the continuance of our national prosperity and the maintenance, at home and abroad, of the nation's honor.

Should he be the republican standard bearer in 1904, we pledge an increased republican vote from the state of Arkansas.

We congratulate the republic of Cuba on her advent into the family of nations.

We endorse the recommendations of President Roosevelt that the United States should enter into reciprocal trade relations with the republic of Cuba for ultimate results of mutual advantage and good will.

We favor the immediate building of an inter-oceanic canal, to be maintained under the authority of the United States, and the protection of our flag.

We reaffirm our adherence to those two cardinal tenets of the republican faith, a protective tariff and reciprocity. The revenue under the Dingley tariff law have been sufficient to reduce our taxation to a peace basis. Under this tariff law our industries are constantly developing and our foreign markets are being extended. With reciprocity will come commercial expansion. We will hold the balance of trade, now the greatest in the history of nations, and will win and maintain the commercial supremacy of the world.

We endorse the efforts of the national administration to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law. While recognizing the necessity of co-operation to meet new conditions in the industrial world and to compete successfully for the world's markets, we condemn, as opposed to public policy, all combinations which create monopoly, stifle competition, unduly increase profits or values, and arbitrarily raise prices, especially upon the necessities of life. The inefficiency and incompetency of the democratic legislature of Arkansas to deal with the trust question have been shown in the decisions of our courts and the indifference of its officials. The republican party must be relied upon to enact such further legislation as will fully protect the interests of the people.

We favor the immediate building of a statehouse; the establishment of a reform school for juvenile offenders; accommodations for all the insane of the state.

We favor such a business policy as will encourage immigration, invite capital, build factories, increase railroad facilities, and open and develop our mines; to the end that, by increased values, our state may enjoy greater blessings, with less taxation, and that employment may be given labor at home at remunerative wages.

We invite the voters irrespective of past party affiliation who believe in our great state and desire to assist in its advancement to co-operate with us in the coming election.

We demand a non-partisan board of trustees for the state university and a non-partisan board for the charitable institutions of the state.

We favor the creation of a permanent school fund whereby every school district in the state may have a suitable schoolhouse, school equipment, and at least three months' school in each scholastic year, regardless of revenues now apportioned under existing laws.

We denounce and condemn the unfair, questionable and corrupt practices and methods of the so-called state central committee, and committee and executive committee which have attempted for many years to make the republicans of this state subservient to machine and the arbitrary dictation of boss rule, otherwise known as Claytonism. Under these committees, federal offices have been bought and sold, salaries divided and tribute levied.

We commend the action of the president in summarily dismissing the chairman and ex-chairman of the state central committee for practices which ought not to be countenanced in any organization of the party.

The control of these state organizations has been in the hands of a member of the national republican committee for no purpose of success in local or other elections in this state, but for the sole control of federal patronage and the aggrandizement of the few in control. We earnestly request that the president and his cabinet officers refuse to recognize such organizations, which have so unworthily represented the republican party of this state, and which have been a constant obstruction and menace, to the party's present and future welfare.

We believe that republicanism means honesty, and that none but clean, capable men should be appointed to office.

We believe in the rule of the people, and therefore favor a state central committee to be selected by the republicans of the various counties.

We believe in local self-government. Hence, the republican county committee, selected by the republican electors of each county, controlling the recommendations within such county for local positions; holding such county committee responsible for its recommendations, to the end that every republican may have a voice in party affairs, and that none but honest, efficient men be appointed.

We have no apology for our non-allegiance to the present state central committee or its executive committee and appeal to the unselfish, unbiased and honest suffrages of the republican electors to sustain us in throwing aside machine rule and to uphold the justice of our cause. To the arbitrament of the ballot box, where there can be a fair expression, we will cheerfully submit.

BITS OF SCIENCE.

An aerolite fell near Chatillens the other day. The stone was triangular in shape, of a dark-gray color and about 11 ounces in weight. This is only the second meteoric stone that is known to have fallen in Switzerland.

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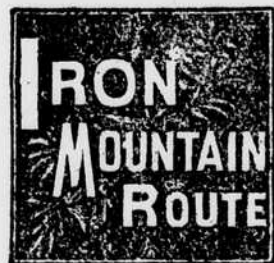
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